Proposal for the implementation of a new rights statement: Copyright Undetermined

Approved for implementation: 2016-06-11

1. Rationale for new rights statement
This rights statement serves an urgent need expressed by multiple DPLA data partners to cover a scenario in which the rights status of a digital object has been evaluated but it has not been able to determine the copyright status of the object. This scenario is neither covered by the Copyright Not Evaluated statement (as an initial evaluation of the copyright status has taken place) nor by any of the other rights status (as there has been no successful determination of a copyright status).

2. Assessment of Impact of new rights statement
The rights statement covers a specific scenario that was previously thought to be covered by the Copyright Not Evaluated statement. In terms of impact it will allow DPLA data providers to better map their existing rights information on the rightsstatements.org statements.
3. Text of the new rights statement

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